



# Hampton Police Division Media Release

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**For Immediate Release**

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## **SCHOOL BUS CRASH**

Hampton police are currently investigating a school bus crash which resulted in the hospitalization of 16 children.

On January 3, 2005, at approximately 7:28 am, police responded to the intersection of Magruder Blvd and Nettles Lane to investigate a crash. Arriving officers discovered a Hampton City School bus overturned in an adjacent ditch and several injured children. Emergency medical personnel responded and transported two children to Riverside Hospital, one to Sentara Norfolk General via Nightingale, and the remaining to Sentara Hospital. The driver of the second vehicle, a Honda Accord, was not injured.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the bus was traveling to Machen Elementary School, located at 20 Sacramento Drive, with 31 students. While traveling southbound on Magruder Blvd the bus encountered a Honda stopped in the lane for a left turn left onto Nettle Lane. The bus driver's evasive maneuver failed and the bus struck the passenger rear of the Honda. The bus began to slide and left the roadway resting in a ditch. Motorist and bystanders assisted emergency responders with removing the children from the bus and rendering first aid. The injuries received appear to be non life threatening.

Investigators will conduct thorough examinations of the vehicles and evidence available. The crash remains under investigation and no charges have been placed at this time. Anyone with information that will assist investigators is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at 727-6111.

Additional information will be released as it become available.

Corporal Jimmie Wideman will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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